

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

A.K. et al,

Plaintiffs,

-v.-

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
A/K/A NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION,

Defendant.

24 Civ. 8255 (JHR)

ORDER

JENNIFER H. REARDEN, District Judge:

In this case, Plaintiffs seek attorney's fees in connection with claims under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C § 1410 *et seq.* By separate Order to be entered today, the Court is referring the matter to the designated Magistrate Judge for General Pretrial Purposes, including settlement.

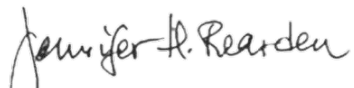
In addition, in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, to conserve resources, and to promote judicial efficiency, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the designated Magistrate Judge.

If the parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the Defendant must, **within two weeks of the date on which Defendant enters an appearance**, file on ECF a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form (available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf>). The executed form should be filed using the "Proposed Consent to Jurisdiction by US Magistrate Judge" filing event in accordance with ECF Rule 13.27. If the Court approves that form, then all further proceedings will be conducted before the designated Magistrate Judge.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the designated Magistrate Judge, then the parties must file a joint letter, **within two weeks of the date on which Defendant enters an appearance**, informing the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 31, 2024
New York, New York

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JENNIFER H. REARDEN
United States District Judge